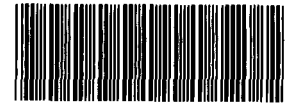


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## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE October 12 1994

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TO M S Buddy Environmental Restoration (OU3) Bldg 080 X8519

FROM *M.S. Murdock*  
M B Murdock Ecology and Watershed Management, Bldg T130B X3560SUBJECT RETURN OF STANDLEY LAKE BALD EAGLES FOR 1994-95 WINTERING SEASON  
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On October 10 1994 I confirmed the presence of a Bald Eagle at the Standley Lake Bald Eagle s nest. This is most likely the female of the Bald Eagle pair that has occupied the area during the last two winters. Another observer has reported sighting a Bald Eagle flying between the Eldorado Canyon roost and Standley Lake. As we discussed when we met yesterday this early arrival has the potential to affect completion of your air monitoring station installation. After reviewing the correspondence you gave me it appears that the installation on the southeast extreme of Standley Lake and the meteorological tower can be completed even though an eagle is back in the area. This is based on the February 23 1994 letter to J L Pepe that stated "USFWS agrees that the third proposed air sampler on the southeast shore of Standley Lake the meteorological station at this same location and the meteorological station east of the Rocky Flats Plant east gate are not likely to impact the eagles and that installation of these facilities may begin. This judgement was made with the knowledge that the Bald Eagle pair was still in the area. The same letter however indicates that the installation at the east end of 88th Avenue and the 100th Avenue installation could not be done while the Bald Eagles were present. It is doubtful that the USFWS will overturn their own guidance on this.

We agreed during our meeting that T Spence would put together an information package for presentation to the USFWS that describes work yet to be done on the installations. It is possible that the USFWS will allow completion of the 100th Avenue site since completion is so close. As I suggested the information package should describe the work to be done at each installation separately to allow the USFWS to approve all or part of the proposed work. M Guillaume (SAIC) is to inform DOE RFFO of the urgent need to meet with the USFWS on this matter. It is prudent to avoid the 100th Avenue installation while Bald Eagles are in the vicinity until this matter has been resolved with the USFWS.

Please advise me as soon as possible when a meeting date is set with the USFWS so I can adjust my schedule to allow me to attend.

Should you require further information please call me at X3560.

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